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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Acting on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that American aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace as indicated hereafter:

First:

1. On 27 and 28 June 1991, American aircraft carried out five sorties into Iraqi airspace, two formations of two aircraft and one solo sortie. The aircraft flew at speeds ranging from 600 to 720 kilometres per hour at low and medium altitudes.

2. On 28 June 1991, American aircraft carried out 34 sorties into Iraqi airspace, 16 formations of two aircraft and two single aircraft. The altitude of the aircraft ranged between 4,500 and 9,000 metres and their speed between 600 and 720 kilometres per hour.

3. These surveillance and provocation operations were concentrated primarily in the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk and Talafar.

Second:

1. On 29 and 30 June 1991, American aircraft carried out five sorties, two formations of two aircraft and one solo sortie. The aircraft flew at speeds ranging from 600 to 720 kilometres per hour at low and medium altitudes.

2. These aircraft overflew primarily the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Talafar and Dohuk.

3. On 30 June 1991, American aircraft carried out 13 sorties, five formations of two aircraft and three solo sorties. The aircraft flew at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour at an altitude of between 3,000 and 4,000 metres.

4. The aircraft overflew the regions of Dohuk, Zahko and Al-Amadiyah.

5. They were surveillance and provocation operations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador, Permanent Representative